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FOLLOWING TEL SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO DAMASCUS RIDDA FROM
AMMAN DTG 021154Z SEP 75 RPTD TO YOU:

QUOTE:

C O N F I D E N T I A L AMMAN 5854

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DEPARTMENT PASS TO SECRETARY

FOR SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJ: SECVISIT: AMMAN VISIT TIMING

REF: SECTO 10325

1. WE HAVE TALKED WITH RIFAI WHO AGREES ON THE HIGH
IMPORTANCE WHICH YOU ATTACH TO MAKING A VISIT IN SYRIA.
HE THEREFORE UNDERSTANDS THE CONTINGENCY WHICH WOULD
REQUIRE YOUR LEAVING AMMAN AS EARLY AS SHORTLY AFTER
NOON ON SEPT 3. HE INDICATED THAT BY ALL MEANS YOU
SHOULD APPROACH SYRIA TO ATTEMPT TO ARRANGE FOR AIR-
PORT STOP AS SUGGESTED.

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2. RIFAI WOULD STILL LIKE TO OFFER JORDANIAN HOSPITALITY AT LUNCH SEPT 3. HE ADDED THAT HE WILL MOVE STARTING TIME FOR TALKS UP TO 10:00 A.M. WHICH IS THE EARLIEST HE CAN PRESENTLY WORK OUT AND ARRANGE LUNCH TO BEGIN FOLLOWING TALK. HOWEVER, THAT WOULD NOT PERMIT YOU TO LEAVE AMMAN UNTIL CLOSE TO 1400. HE INDICATED THAT IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, HE WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU TO DELAY DEPARTURE UNTIL THAT TIME. IF THAT CANNOT BE DONE (AND I MADE IT CLEAR TO HIM THAT IT MIGHT NOT BE POSSIBLE TO DO SO), HE THEN BELIEVES IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR YOU TO ARRANGE FOR LUNCH FOLLOWING DEPARTURE SHORTLY AFTER NOON FROM AMMAN AND REGRETS NOT BEING IN POSITION OFFER HOSPITALITY HERE.

3. RIFAI ASKS THAT I LET HIM KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHETHER SYRIAN STOP WILL BE WORKED OUT AND ALSO ABOUT YOUR LUNCHEON PLANS.
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